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Five lines of hoses were playing into the windows on Pearl street, some of them from the elevated station; three were driving in a flood of water from Fulton street and three more in the rear from Cliff street, and besides these, four lines of hose had been taken to the roofs of the neighboring buildings and were taking the flames from above.

SEVERAL FIRMEN OVERCOME.

Chief Bonner was everywhere at once, and his assistants worked like beavers. Several firmen were overcome by the smoke and had to be carried to the street, where they soon recovered and went to work again. They belonged to Engine No. 12.

GUARDED BY POLICE.

Capt. McLaughlin was on hand, about 6.10 with all the reserves of his precinct and an extra squad numbering in all 65 men.

They kept Fulton, Pearl and Cliff streets clear for several blocks, and people coming up from the ferry on their way to business had to make a wide detour to get around the fire lines.

NO "L" TRAINS.

The Elevated trains were stopped at 6 o'clock on the South Ferry branch and did not begin running again until after 9.

SPREAD TO A FACTORY.

The cabinet and desk factory of William Schwartzwelder, at 229 Pearl, a big five-story brick building, caught fire from the rear cornice soon after the conflagration started.

The top floor was burned out and the whole building flooded with water.

On the other side of the Edison building was a three-story brick structure occupied by the firm of Meyer & Co., and several other tobacco merchants.

This building was also drenched from garret to cellar and large quantities of tobacco were destroyed.

MILES OF WIRE BURNED.

The fourth and fifth stories of the Edison building were filled with miles of covered wire, hundreds of lamps and other repairing supplies, which furnished food for the flames, and until they had been consumed nothing could be accomplished in the way of extinguishing the fire.

DYNAMOS BURNING AMID THE BLAZE.

The fire had blazed up so quickly that Engineer Corbin had not time to shut off the steam in the boiler room, and the other dynamo went on running in the midst of the flames. The shafting had been destroyed by the fire.

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an unprecedented boom in that branch of trade this morning.

There is an auxiliary station of the Edison Company at 65 Liberty street, and Supt. Smith said that by noon to-day he hoped to get it in operation, so that parts of the district at least could be supplied.

LIST OF THE LOSSES.

The loss of the Edison Company on its machinery and stock is placed at \$125,000, and the building, which is owned by the company, is damaged \$40,000.

William Schwartzwelder estimates his loss at \$5,000 on stock and \$2,000 on the building.

R. M. Atkman & Co.'s loss is fully \$10,000 on stock and \$2,000 on the building, and the tobacco stock, belonging principally to Isaac Meyer & Co., at 233 Pearl street, is damaged to the extent of \$10,000 by water.

George Beck's jewelry store on Fulton street is damaged \$500.

All these losses are more or less fully covered by insurance.

Capt. McLaughlin says that he will probably be several days before the Edison Company can supply the entire district, for the auxiliary station is not in working order, and the plant is not sufficient to meet the emergency. It was not used as a lighting station so long as the other station was running, but was a sort of storehouse for supplies.

A BAD FIRE BLOCK.

"The block where the fire occurred," said Capt. McLaughlin, "is one of the most dangerous in the city, and it is certainly greatly to the credit of the Fire Department that it was prevented from spreading more than it did.

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**AN ECONOMITE KILLED.**

**Natural Gas Assisting in the Extinction of the Queer Society.**

SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.

ECONOMY, Pa., Jan. 2.—By an explosion of natural gas this morning George Kirchman, who ranked third in the Economy Society, was instantly killed and George Becker was badly burned.

The men were searching for a leak with a light when the explosion occurred.

The recent death of Miss Gertrude Hays, who was killed by a fall from a window, has caused much interest in the Economy Society, whose first requirement is that its members should be able to live on the least amount of food and clothing.

**TWO QUEENS HAVE THE GRIP.**

**Actors Prostrated at Dresden and  
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(DUNLAP CABLE NEWS SPECIAL.)

BERLIN, Jan. 2.—The Queen of Saxony and the Grand Duchess of Baden are among the latest victims of the grip.

Half the actors in Dresden are down with it, while the tramcar service in Munich has been practically stopped through the ravages of the influenza among its employees.

BECKMANN, Jan. 2.—Queen Elizabeth is confined to bed by a severe attack of influenza, which disease is spreading with alarming rapidity throughout Bulgaria.

**A TRAIN ROLLS DOWN A BANK.**

**Death for the Engineer and Miraculous Escape for the Passengers.**

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LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Jan. 2.—Engineer Anderson was killed and several passengers were injured in a railway wreck on the Cotton Belt road, fifteen miles north of Pine Bluff late last night.

Full details of the accident are not yet in, but it appears that the engine was derailed by a defective switch.

The whole train, including the engine, baggage car and three coaches filled with passengers, was thrown down a bank, 100 feet high.

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Assistance had been sent.

Pittsburg After Its Dead Wives.

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PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 2.—E. M. Hedges, Chief of the Public Safety Department, has ordered the Superintendent of the Bureau of Electricity to remove all dead wires in the city.

**The First Death from "Grip."**

But his wife and children are all right. He was taken ill in the United States Hotel, and died at 10 o'clock last night.

Good agents wanted at all times. Address J. J. FAY, Secretary.

The principal downtown station of the Edison Illuminating Company, at Nos. 255 and 257 Pearl street, just below the corner of Fulton, was completely destroyed by fire this morning.

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**Her Body Found Floating in the East  
River This Morning.**

The police of the Oak street station have another terrible murder to unravel, the details of which are horrible in the extreme.

Occupants of the big tenement-house, 114 Roosevelt street, had their attention attracted to a most disagreeable smell, apparently issuing from the rooms occupied by James Slogan and wife, on the top floor.

About 9 o'clock this morning Mrs. Kennedy, one of the tenants, determined to investigate.

She rapped several times at the Slogans' apartments door and, receiving no answer, opened the door and entered.

A most horrible sight met her eyes and a shriek brought her husband to the scene just in time to catch her as she sank fainting to the floor.

On a miserable apology for a bed, which occupied the northwest corner of the room, lay Mrs. Slogan, stiff in death. Decomposition had already begun.

Her position seemed to indicate that she had been placed there by her murderer after life was extinct.

She was a slight woman, and the portions of her body which protruded through her clothing and the filthy bed clothing which covered her were covered with bruises and contused blood.

Her face was a sickening sight, appearing, with its covering of blood, to have been mashed to pieces. The remnants of clothing that covered her form were torn and mangled.

The room, which is only about ten feet square, bore every evidence of the struggle which she must have made for her life.

A large space on the floor just beside the bed was stained with blood.

Efforts had apparently been made by the murderer to cover up some of the traces of the crime by mopping up the blood, for around the floor and underneath the bed were scattered rags and pieces of clothing.

Fragments of a heavy earthen vessel lay in various parts of the room. These, too, were bloody, and tufts of hair clung to some of them. On the stove lay an axe. Whether or not this was used will be ascertained probably by the Coroner's examination.

John Kennedy, the owner of the building, keeps a saloon on the store floor. On learning of the discovery, he called Police Officer McNeill.

Mrs. Kennedy gave the information which makes the husband's guilt beyond doubt. All New Year's eve the couple were quarreling. Her time drinking whiskey and quarreling.

Slogan made frequent trips downstairs to fill the flask. The murderous fight occurred, it is believed, about midnight.

Shortly before midnight, when she heard Mrs. Slogan push Mary McKnight, a grey haired old woman, out of her rooms.

The latter is a downstairs, and as she was descending Mrs. Slogan buried a bar of clothes-pins after her.

After this the noise of a violent struggle was heard, by neighbors, but none dared to interfere.

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Slogan is a powerful young fellow and rarely worked. He has not been seen since Tuesday night.

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**An Audience Safely Leaves a Burning Zurich Theatre.**

(BY CABLE TO THE EVENING WORLD.)

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The origin of the fire is unknown.

**LONDONERS MAY HAVE TO WALK.**

**Omnibus and Tramway Employees on the Verge of a Strike.**

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The document gives notice that the action will be brought in the Supreme Court, and asks the partnership (trust) to be entered into by plaintiff and defendants Aug. 16, 1887.

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The Court is asked to restrain the defendants from disposing of any of the property of the Trust and from paying out any further moneys out of the assets of the co-partnership, or otherwise disposing of the assets of the same.

**AN ECONOMITE KILLED.**

**Natural Gas Assisting in the Extinction of the Queer Society.**

SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.

ECONOMY, Pa., Jan. 2.—By an explosion of natural gas this morning George Kirchman, who ranked third in the Economy Society, was instantly killed and George Becker was badly burned.

The men were searching for a leak with a light when the explosion occurred.

The recent death of Miss Gertrude Hays, who was killed by a fall from a window, has caused much interest in the Economy Society, whose first requirement is that its members should be able to live on the least amount of food and clothing.

**TWO QUEENS HAVE THE GRIP.**

**Actors Prostrated at Dresden and  
Tram-Car Men at Munich.**

(DUNLAP CABLE NEWS SPECIAL.)

BERLIN, Jan. 2.—The Queen of Saxony and the Grand Duchess of Baden are among the latest victims of the grip.

Half the actors in Dresden are down with it, while the tramcar service in Munich has been practically stopped through the ravages of the influenza among its employees.

BECKMANN, Jan. 2.—Queen Elizabeth is confined to bed by a severe attack of influenza, which disease is spreading with alarming rapidity throughout Bulgaria.

**A TRAIN ROLLS DOWN A BANK.**

**Death for the Engineer and Miraculous Escape for the Passengers.**

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.)

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Jan. 2.—Engineer Anderson was killed and several passengers were injured in a railway wreck on the Cotton Belt road, fifteen miles north of Pine Bluff late last night.

Full details of the accident are not yet in, but it appears that the engine was derailed by a defective switch.

The whole train, including the engine, baggage car and three coaches filled with passengers, was thrown down a bank, 100 feet high.

**ASHORE WITH 140 PASSENGERS.**

**The Steamer Persia Stranded Near a Corsican Town.**

(DUNLAP CABLE NEWS SPECIAL.)

LONDON, Jan. 2.—A telegram from Lloyds' agent at Bastia, Corsica, reports the steamer Persia, of the Florida line, from Lehigh for Genoa, has been stranded near Bastia, a deserted Corsican town.

Assistance had been sent.

Pittsburg After Its Dead Wives.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.)

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 2.—E. M. Hedges, Chief of the Public Safety Department, has ordered the Superintendent of the Bureau of Electricity to remove all dead wires in the city.

**The First Death from "Grip."**

But his wife and children are all right. He was taken ill in the United States Hotel, and died at 10 o'clock last night.

Good agents wanted at all times. Address J. J. FAY, Secretary.